

a core section over the buffer layer, the core section being made of organic polymer; and

a clad section covering an upper surface of the core section and made of inorganic dielectric having a lower refractive index than that of the core section, the inorganic dielectric consisting essentially of silicon oxide, and the clad section has substantially the same shape and closely conforms to the core section, wherein an adhesive layer for improving adhesion between the organic polymer and the inorganic dielectric is provided between the core section and the clad section.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up copy showing changes made by this Amendment.